

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

March 24, 2020 at 6:30 pm

A regular meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Bradley Beach was held in the Meeting Room, 701 Main Street, Bradley Beach, New Jersey on the above date.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Engelstad opened the meeting with a salute to the flag.

Sunshine Law

The meeting has been noticed publicly according to the Open Public Meetings Act requirement for the “Annual Notice”, and posted on the official bulletin board.

ROLL CALL 6:30 pm

Present: Council: Bonnell, Gubitosi, Sexsmith, Weber, Mayor Engelstad
Borough Administrator David G. Brown II
Chief Financial Officer Sandra Rice
Borough Attorneys Gregory Cannon and Andrew Sobel
Deputy Municipal Clerk Erica Kostyz

Mayor Engelstad said a brief prayer for all those affected by the COVID-19 virus and for everyone’s safety. He thanked the Freeholder Tom Arnone, the Chief of Police, the Administrator, the Council members, the Police Officers, DPW, the office staff and the IT Coordinator for all of their hard work during this time.

He went on to state the Community Center has been inspiring with volunteer groups being put together to help the elderly and residents living alone. It is also heartwarming to see the residents taking advantage of delivery and take-out in town. He encouraged residents to keep this support going as businesses & workers livelihood is at stake due to this situation. He strongly advised everyone to follow the Social Distancing rules in order to keep the beach and boardwalk open.

Lieutenant Terry Browning stated the Bradley Beach Police and OEM is on top of this crisis holding daily briefings with state & local representatives, keeping everything up to date. He gave list of standards to adhere to during COVID-19.

BID OPENING: Newark Avenue Concession Stand

Josephine Ferrara offered a bid amount of \$26,000.00 for lease of space for the operation of Newark Avenue Concession Stand.

NO OTHER BIDS OFFERED

ON MOTION by Mayor Englestad/Weber to approve the bid for the Newark Avenue Concession Stand for a one year contract to Josephine Ferrara pending legal counsel review.

ROLL CALL AYES: Bonnell, Gubitosi, Sexsmith, Weber, Mayor Engelstad
 NAYS: None
 ABSENT: None
 ABSTAIN: None

ON MOTION by Engelstad/Weber to approve the Regular Meeting
 Minutes of March 3, 2020

ROLL CALL AYES: Bonnell, Gubitosi, Sexsmith, Weber, Mayor Engelstad
 NAYS: None
 ABSENT: None
 ABSTAIN: None

APPROVED

ON MOTION by Engelstad/ Weber to approve the Budget Workshop
 Minutes of March 9, 2020

ROLL CALL AYES: Bonnell, Gubitosi, Sexsmith, Weber, Mayor Engelstad
 NAYS: None
 ABSENT: None
 ABSTAIN: None

APPROVED

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Maryann Spellman 902 Ocean Avenue hopes a better system will available going forward for meetings and asked for clarification on proposed Ordinance 2020-8.

Councilman Weber provided Ms. Spellman an overview of the ordinance and told her where she can find the document on the website.

ORDINANCE INTRODUCTION

ORDINANCE NO. 2020-07

AN ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND
TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2020

ON MOTION by Engelstad/Weber to introduce Ordinance 2020-7
ROLL CALL AYES: Bonnell, Gubitosi, Sexsmith, Weber, Mayor Engelstad
 NAYS: None
 ABSENT: None
 ABSTAIN: None

INTRODUCED

ORDINANCE NO. 2020-08

AN ORDINANCE SUPPLEMENTING AND AMENDING CHAPTER 24: “COMMISSIONS AND COMMITTEES” AND AMENDING CHAPTER 270: “LAND DEVELOPMENT” AND AMENDING CHAPTER 450: “ZONING” OF THE BOROUGH’S REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES IN ORDER TO RE-ESTABLISH THE BOROUGH’S SHADE TREE COMMISSION AND PROTECT TREES WITHIN THE BOROUGH OF BRADLEY BEACH

ON MOTION by Engelstad/Weber to introduce Ordinance 2020-8
ROLL CALL AYES: Bonnell, Gubitosi, Sexsmith, Weber, Mayor Engelstad
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

INTRODUCED

BOND ORDINANCE 2020-3

BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO THE NORTH END OF THE BOARDWALK (A BEACH UTILITY IMPROVEMENT), BY AND IN THE BOROUGH OF BRADLEY BEACH, IN THE COUNTY OF MONMOUTH, STATE OF NEW JERSEY; APPROPRIATING \$490,000 THEREFOR (INCLUDING A GRANT FROM THE MONMOUTH COUNTY OPEN SPACE PROGRAM IN THE AMOUNT OF \$180,000) AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$310,000 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE BOROUGH TO FINANCE PART OF THE COST THEREOF

ON MOTION by Engelstad/Weber to re-introduce Bond Ordinance 2020-3
ROLL CALL AYES: Bonnell, Gubitosi, Sexsmith, Weber, Mayor Engelstad
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

RE-INTRODUCED

ORDINANCE FINAL HEARING AND ADOPTION

CAPITAL ORDINANCE NUMBER 2020-4

CAPITAL ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR NEWARK AVENUE ROADWAY IMPROVEMENTS (PHASE I), BY AND IN THE BOROUGH OF BRADLEY BEACH, IN THE COUNTY OF MONMOUTH, STATE OF NEW JERSEY; APPROPRIATING \$300,000 THEREFOR (\$15,000 FROM THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND AND A 285,000 GRANT FROM THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION) TO PAY FOR THE COST THEREOF

ON MOTION by Engelstad/Weber to open public hearing on Capital Ordinance 2020-4

ROLL CALL AYES: Bonnell, Gubitosi, Sexsmith, Weber, Mayor Engelstad

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

Public Hearing: None

ON MOTION by Engelstad/Weber to close the public hearing and adopt Capital Ordinance 2020-4

ROLL CALL AYES: Bonnell, Gubitosi, Sexsmith, Weber, Mayor Engelstad

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

ADOPTED

Communication(s) N/A

ON MOTION by Engelstad/Weber to approve the Consent Agenda

ROLL CALL AYES: Bonnell, Gubitosi, Sexsmith, Weber, Mayor Engelstad

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

Resolution 2020-69 BILL LIST for 3-24-20

Resolution 2020 71 Authorizing the appointment of Class I Special Law Enforcement Officers

Resolution 2020-72 Authorizing the appointment of Class I Special Law Enforcement Officer Kevin Krippa

Resolution 2020-73 Authorizing the appointment of Seth R. Castillo as a Probationary Fire Fighter of the Bradley Beach Fire Department

Resolution 2020-74 Authorizing Stigma Free Community Initiative

Resolution 2020-77 Authorizing the support of the Green Amendment to the NJ Constitution

Resolution 2020-79 Authorizing a Proclamation of State of Emergency

APPROVED

ON MOTION by Engelstad/Weber to approve the following voted out separately from the Consent Agenda

ROLL CALL AYES: Bonnell, Gubitosi, Sexsmith, Weber, Mayor Engelstad
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

Resolution 2020-70 Authorizing the Hand across the Sand Event on Saturday 5/16/20 at the Third Avenue Gazebo from 11:00am -2:00pm. With the condition the COVID-19 ban on Social Distancing is lifted by the Mayor and the Governor

Resolution 2020-75 Authorizing Emergency Appropriations for the Temporary Budget

Resolution 2020-76 Authorizing the rights to waive the Local Exam of the 2020 Municipal Budget

Resolution 2020-78 Authorizing the Award of an Emergency Procurement of Decontamination System for the Corona Virus Response

APPROVED

ON MOTION by Engelstad/Weber to table the following from the Consent Agenda as it is not a direct order from the Governor's Office.

ROLL CALL AYES: Bonnell, Gubitosi, Sexsmith, Weber, Mayor Engelstad
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

Resolution 2020-80 Authorizing suspension of the Plastic Bag Ordinance during the COVID-19 Crisis

RESOLUTION TABLED

Resolutions

ON MOTION by Engelstad/Weber to Authorize the appointment of David G. Brown II as Borough Administrator through December 31, 2020.

ROLL CALL AYES: Bonnell, Gubitosi, Sexsmith, Weber, Mayor Engelstad
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

Resolution 2020-81 Authorizing the appointment of David G. Brown II as Borough Administrator through December 31, 2020

APPROVED

ON MOTION by Engelstad/Weber to Authorize the appointment of David G. Brown II as Qualified Purchasing Agent.

ROLL CALL AYES: Bonnell, Gubitosi, Sexsmith, Weber, Mayor Engelstad
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

Resolution 2020-82 Authorizing the appointment of David G. Brown II as Qualified Purchasing Agent

APPROVED

ON MOTION by Engelstad/Weber to Authorize the appointment of David G. Brown II as the Public Agency Compliance Officer.

ROLL CALL AYES: Bonnell, Gubitosi, Sexsmith, Weber, Mayor Engelstad
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

Resolution 2020-83 Authorizing the appointment of David G. Brown II as the Public Agency Compliance Officer

APPROVED

ON MOTION by Engelstad/Weber to Authorize the salary and hour increase for Deputy Court Administrator Catherine Smith.

ROLL CALL AYES: Bonnell, Gubitosi, Sexsmith, Weber, Mayor Engelstad
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

Resolution 2020-84 Authorizing the salary and hour increase for Deputy Court Administrator Catherine Smith

APPROVED

MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS

Councilman Weber thanked everyone that helped to make this meeting happen and stated people's lifestyles will be changed for a long time by COVID-19 and noticed borough employees taking measures to protect themselves before this became an issue. He feels the borough is very fortunate that the new Administrator and CFO are working well together and pleased with their work they are doing so far and stated following:

- The Board of Public Utilities announced water will not be turned off during this crisis.
- The Federal Government has extended the date for filing taxes.
- Respect Social Distancing to keep the beach and boardwalk open.
- Thanked DPW for creating signs regarding Social Distancing.
- The Community Development is currently open and working on inspections.
- Asked that everyone think of the Food Pantry and local restaurants during this time.

Councilman Sexsmith thanked everyone for their hard efforts to make this meeting happen and thanked the new Administrator for beginning a week early. He stated the Fire Department put a post on their social media they are looking for protective gear and thanked DPW for putting up signs for Social Distancing throughout town.

Councilman Gubitosi thanked everyone who made this meeting happen and apologized to the public for not having better reception quality with the sound system and reported the following:

- The Finance Committee will be introducing the budget April 14th.
- The Food Pantry is in need of volunteers and supplies.
- Advised the elderly or compromised residents contact any of the Council members or Daniel Leyes for assistance if needed.

Councilman Bonnell thanked everyone for their hard work and encouraged everyone to exercise extreme patience during this time and to stay positive and healthy.

Mayor Engelstad stated the following:

- This is not the time to put out brush or bulk items.
- The DPW is down two members and to respect their workload.
- The goal at this time is to maintain trash pick-up and recycling.
- Is grateful for the community spirit & asked everyone to look out for their neighbors.

PUBLIC COMMENT- NONE

Engelstad/Weber moved to adjourn
ADJOURN 7:25 pm

Erica Kostyz, RMC, CMR
Deputy Municipal Clerk